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(54) Acoustic transducers.

(57) An acoustic transducer, such as a headphone 2, comprises a housing with a vent 16 for venting fluid medium from the housing. The vent is dimensioned to ensure that laminar flow of the fluid medium through the vent 16 is maintained throughout the working range of the drive unit 14 of the transducer so that the amplitude response and phase response of the transducer are substantially invariant throughout the working range of the drive unit 14.

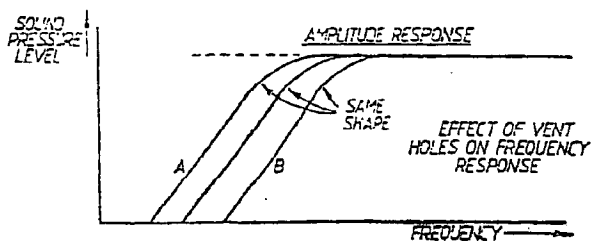


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